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MEDICAL INDUSTRY TOPS  
6-MONTH PLAN

According to the operational reports of medical industry leaders, the 6-month program for over-all production has been realized by 105.6 percent. Production has risen by 19.2 percent in comparison with the first 6 months of 1948. The semiannual assignments for the chemicopharmaceutical industry (Denisov, chief of Administration), the medical instrument industry (Fedchenko, chief of Administration), and other branches of the Glavmedprom have been surpassed. The laboratory glassware enterprises alone have lagged behind somewhat. The exceedingly rapid rise in production at glassworks should be mentioned, however: 189.7 percent in comparison with the first two quarters of 1948.

As of 1 July 1949, the factories had produced 9.4 times more penicillin than was produced in the same period in 1948, 5 times more dental and gynecological chairs, and 2-3 times more pyramidon, rivanol (bactericide), glucose, drills, baby scales, etc.

Unfortunately, many of the factories have not set up the production conditions necessary for complete utilization of equipment and resources. The marked deficiency in the program for pyramidon production, in particular, is the direct result of blunders in the leadership of the Anzhero-Sudzhenskiy factory (Brodskiy, director). This factory has lost too much time from "unexpected" mechanical breakdown due to the lack of supervision in preventive maintenance. Great losses have resulted from poor ampules produced by the Klin and Solnechnogorsk glassworks. The Administration should eliminate these causes which hinder the chemicopharmaceutical factories in fulfilling the plan for the production of glucose and calcium chloride in ampules. The Medstekloprom should also take all necessary measures to end the lag in the production of penicillin flasks.

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